

NEW BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

871 ROCKDALE AVENUE · NEW BEDFORD, MA · 02740 · WWW.NEWBEDFORDPD.COM



P R E S S R E L E A S E

(PR - 6 - 23)

For Immediate Release

June 3, 2008

Lieutenant Jeffrey P. Silva

See Also: 2008-9559

Public Information Officer

Office: 508.991.6300 – Ext. 148

Email: jpsilva@newbedford-ma.gov

TWO ALERT DETECTIVES ARREST MAN WITH A LOADED GUN

New Bedford, Massachusetts – Two alert New Bedford Police Detectives were in the right place at the wrong time for 25 year-old Christopher RILEY of Brockton who was carrying and waving around a loaded .45 caliber handgun with a pocket full of marijuana in the area of Ruth and Roosevelt Streets in the City's South End.

Yesterday at about 5:30 PM, Detectives Barry Pacheco and Peter Beauregard heard a radio broadcast about a man that was supposed to be carrying what appeared to be a handgun and was allegedly waving it around at vehicles and pedestrians passing by. The detectives, who were right around the corner on other business, turned onto Ruth Street and while a uniformed cruiser searched one section, they searched the other. Almost immediately as the detectives began to check the area, they observed a male fitting the description given by the dispatcher as the one with the firearm.

When the detectives got out of their vehicle, the defendant noticed them and walked away. As the detectives called out to the suspect, he then began to walk quickly and suddenly burst into a sprint. As the detectives followed the suspect into an open multi-family house, they saw him ascend the spiral staircase and suddenly reach off to his side and duck down as if he were trying to grab something. Fearing for their safety, the detectives ordered the suspect to show them his hands and after a tense standoff, the suspect put his hands in the air.

When the detectives climbed a few steps closer to the defendant, they observed what turned out to be a loaded .45 caliber, semi-automatic handgun on the landing of the steps next to the defendant. The defendant was also found to have a bag of suspected marijuana in his pocket. Detectives Pacheco and Beauregard then took the defendant into custody without further incident. The area in where the detectives made this arrest is within feet of a playground, a park and numerous multi-family homes. Thanks to their quick-thinking and courage, more drugs and another gun have been taken off the streets of the City.

Christopher RILEY was charged with: (1) **Assault by means of a dangerous weapon**; (2) **carrying a loaded firearm**; (3) **unlawful carrying of a firearm**; (4) **unlawful possession of ammunition**; (5) **possession of marijuana with intent to distribute**; (6) **failing to appear after being bailed**; and, (6) **an arrest warrant from previous charges**.

RILEY was ordered held without bail today by Judge Wright pending a request for a Dangerousness Hearing by District Attorney Sam Sutter's Office. The Dangerousness Hearing is scheduled to be held on June 9, 2008.



New Bedford Police

Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: 273683

Name: **RILEY, CHRISTOPHER E**



Photo Date: 6/2/2008

Race: BLACK
 DOB: 01/04/1983
 Age: 25
 SSN: 420-19-9702
 Sex: MALE
 Eyes: BROWN
 Hair: BLACK
 Height: 70 INCHES
 Weight: 150 LBS



Last known Address: 244 PINE GROVE DR

BROCKTON MA 02301

Parole or Probation?:

